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# NEW RULING HALTS SEWER 'FREE-RIDERS'

## Heights District Gets Cost Cut

There will be no "free-riders" in a Torrance Sewer District in the future as a result of action taken by the City Council Tuesday night.

The Council passed an ordinance which will prevent in the future another assessment problem such as that involved in the recently installed Seaside Heights Sanitary Sewer District.

They provided at the same time partial relief from excessive cost of the sewer for homeowners in that District. Residents of Seaside Heights protested the final cost and individual assessment of the sewer system, which jumped from an estimated cost of \$70,000 to an actual cost of \$82,555. It was shown during several hearings on the case that much of the extra cost resulted from the installation of sewer facilities for future subdivisions on adjacent lands.

The new ordinance provides that all future users of existing city sewer lines will pay a flat fee of \$2.25 per front foot to connect to the lines, and that this money shall be collected by the city, and be credited to the bonded indebtedness of the original sewer district.

Further relief from the excessive costs to Heights residents was realized when over \$1,000 in state funds was applied to reduce the total installation fee. The \$1,000 is routine state allowance on sewer planning costs, according to City Manager George Stevens.

## Make Friends

You can even make friends through the Torrance Press classified ads, according to Mrs. Betty Murphy of 1848 Marinette St.

"I ran a small two-line ad in the Press offering to do ironing in my home, and in only two weeks I've made \$50. But the amazing part is the number of wonderful friends and customers I've made because of that ad," Mrs. Murphy reported.

This is the inexpensive ad that brought Mrs. Murphy \$50 worth of business:

"WILL DO Ironing in my home. Good work, reas. Phone Torrance 2627-J."

Whether you buy, sell, or serve you can get the same results with Press classifieds. Everybody reads them: everybody uses them.

It's easy to place a Press ad, too. Just call Torrance 1185 or 1186, and a courteous classified taker will assist you in writing an ad that will bring results far beyond your expectations.

## Learner Rams Auto Through Garage Door

Some of the pitfalls to be avoided in learning to drive a car were brought home to Lillian Fowler, 1443 Summerland Ave., San Pedro, when she failed to straighten out her car after rounding the corner of Hickory and Sonoma Aves. Tuesday afternoon, and plowed into a garage belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Altermatt of 1323 Hickory Ave.

The unlucky novice was taking a driving lesson in the company of a friend, Morton Nicolich, of 1839 Jaybrook Drive, San Pedro, at the time of the mishap.

The careening vehicle was brought to a halt against the far wall of the garage only after it had jumped the curb, knocked the corner off of a concrete garden wall, two feet high, and completely demolished the garage's overhead door, as well as knocking a hole in the wall.

## New Shopper's Guide Ready For Use Now

Torrance Shopper's Guide and Business Directory for 1952-53 came off the presses today and is available for distribution, according to Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the publication.

A snappy cover and several new features mark the new edition. One section of the book is entitled, "Know Your City Government," and includes pictures and biographical sketches of well-known city officials, Isenberg disclosed.

The books, 20,000 of them, will be distributed free to the homes in Torrance, and will be used as mailing pieces by the Chamber, he stated.

Bob Jacobs was in charge of production of the handy guide.

## Council OKs Tract Maps

City Council Tuesday night approved tract maps for 191 lots on Sepulveda Blvd. near the western boundary of the city, after a recommendation by the Planning Commission.

The Builders Mortgage Co. submitted the plans.

## Jim Dandy Market Now Open

The new Jim Dandy Market at Crenshaw and Torrance Bvds. this week opened its doors. Although the grand opening will not be held until next Thursday, all departments of the store are already serving Torrance residents.

In addition to the most up-to-date fixtures, service, and merchandise, the store also features a modern snack bar, the first such accommodation in this locality.

Watch this newspaper next week for news and advertising about the grand opening event at the new Jim Dandy Super Market.



SHORT CUT!—Lillian Fowler, of 1443 Summerland Ave., San Pedro, found herself stopped rather short Tuesday afternoon when the car she was driving found itself nosed into the wall of a garage belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Altermatt of 1323 Hickory Ave.



EASY TO LOOK AT—and easy to use is the new 1952-53 issue of the Torrance Shopper's guide and business directory. Available now, the smart new book is being distributed free through the courtesy of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Also easy to look at is Sue Carter, who displays the new brochure.

## YMCA Annual Dinner Meet This Tuesday

The Annual Y.M.C.A. Dinner Meeting will be held at the Civic Auditorium, Tuesday, July 15th at 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Bernard L. Hyink, Dean of Students of the University of Southern California will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Stanley Roberts, newly selected Executive Secretary has indicated that he will arrive in Torrance in time to attend the meeting.

Dr. Rollin Smith, newly elected chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Board of Managers, will preside and Sam Levy, member of the Board of Managers will act as toastmaster. Brief reports on the Y.M.C.A. building development program and on finances will be given.

The chairman of the dinner arrangements committee is Warren W. Hamilton who is being assisted by the Reverend Cecil England and A. C. Turner.

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church of Torrance will serve turkey dinners. Tickets can be secured for the dinner at \$1.50 per plate from any Y.M.C.A. Board Member or at the Y.M.C.A. building. For reservations call Torr. 1563.

## AmStan Workers Off Job

Members of the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters ceased work Tuesday morning at the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary plant here.

According to Donald Anderson of the AmStan personnel department, the men walked off the job in protest over the application of seniority in the case of a department transfer.

He stated that the walk-out is in violation of the contract existing between the company and the union, and that the company can and will do nothing until the men are back on the job, and the grievance is submitted through proper channels.

## Lush Quits Recreation Commission

The resignation of Frank Lush from the City Recreation Commission was accepted by the City Council Tuesday night.

Lush has frequently missed meetings of this body in recent months, and cites transportation difficulties as his reason for resigning, according to city records.

The Council is expected to act soon on a recreation commission re-organization measure which calls for seven persons on the new commission. There are currently four members in the body, J. A. Beasley, "Pat" Patronsky, Paul Roettgers and Marvin Goettsch.

It is anticipated that Mayor Mervin Schwab will appoint at least one person from Pacific Hills and Walteria to the new commission. He recently stated that these communities should be more well represented on city commissions, and promised that the next vacancy would be filled by a resident of one of those areas.

Members of the existing recreation commission have expressed the opinion that a woman should be included in the new body.

## Store Robbed

Burglars took \$350 worth of miscellaneous appliances from the Midway Appliance store, at 23223 Narbonne Ave., over the Fourth of July holiday, according to the Police Dept.

The robbery is being investigated by police detectives.

## Adult Recreation Hall Opens Doors Monday

The doors of the new adult recreation center, located on Cravens Ave. adjacent to the Library, will be opened on Monday, July 14, according to Frank Carpenter, Torrance Director.

Official dedication of the smart, new center has been set for Sunday, August 17th. City, county, and state recreation officials will participate in the formal opening ceremony, Carpenter stated.

Registration Starts  
Commencing this Monday, however, visitors will be welcomed and registration will begin as operation of the center gets underway.

According to Carpenter, there will be two separate age groups utilizing the facility. The junior group includes adults between the ages of 21 and 35. The senior group is comprised of persons over 36 years of age.

Redwood and natural red brick on the outside, the interior of the



SUMMER FUN—Torrance youngsters gaily splash in Alondra Park Pool as the 1952 summer swim program sponsored jointly by the Recreation Commission and the Kiwanis Club gets under way. Hundreds of children will participate in the six-week swimming sessions.

## Ronald Bishop Slated For Engineering Post



Stated to become Torrance's City Engineer is Ronald W. Bishop. Highest available candidate in a recent civil service test for the position, Bishop is awaiting the result of a recent test for a California engineering license. He is a licensed engineer and surveyor in the State of Washington.

## GP Answers Council Tax Inquiry Here

The City Council closed "for one year" the question of tax assessment of the General Petroleum Corp. refinery here.

In answer to questions raised by the Council at their last meeting, A. E. Thompson, head of the local GP installation, stated that reduction on standing inventories had caused that extreme decline in tax assessment for the past two years.

Assessments on the plant have dropped over \$100,000 in two years, despite improvements amounting to \$2,000,000, city records show.

Thompson pointed out that GP property is assessed in two classifications, real property (land, mineral rights, and improvements), and personal property (petroleum inventories).

In 1950 GP's real property was valued at \$9,495,952, and personal property was valued at a high of \$4,528,120. Since that time real property value has increased to \$10,104,020, while personal property valuation has dropped to \$2,554,650.

For this reason, Thompson stated, GP taxes and tax assessments have been reduced.

The Council closed that matter with this explanation.

## TUT Hits .03c Tax Increase

Final results are expected soon on a test taken recently to qualify Ronald W. Bishop for the post of Torrance City Engineer.

The 43-year-old man is a licensed civil engineer in the state of Washington. He has been employed here as a temporary engineer since May 19th, pending his successful completion of the state of California engineering test.

Probationary Period

Bishop placed second in a recent civil service test to fill the engineering job which has been vacant since Jacob Joseph quit under pressure in November of 1951 after only five months of employment. The candidate who placed first in the test subsequently declined the job. Bishop will be assigned for a probationary period of six months, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Holder of a degree in civil engineering from the University of Washington, Bishop last recently was associated with the U.S. Bureau of Fish and Wild Life in the Pribilof Islands near Alaska.

Licensed Surveyor  
He was formerly an associate engineer with the U. S. Navy yard at Bremerton, Washington. He also holds a surveyors license in that state, and is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He and his wife, Eva May, reside at the Greenwood Apts. Their five-year-old daughter, Julie Kay, will be enrolled in Fern Avenue School in September, Bishop disclosed.

## John Lovell Dies of Heart Ailment Here

Friends and relatives are this week mourning the death of John Lloyd Lovell, who died Monday at Harbor General Hospital of a serious heart ailment.

A native of Kane, Illinois, Mr. Lovell had been a circulation manager for the Torrance Press. His experience in this field included 29 years with the Crowell Publishing Company, publishers of Collier's and other national magazines. He was district superintendent of the entire Midwest for this firm, and headed their offices in both Denver, Colorado, and Kansas City, Missouri.

Redondo Beach Masonic Lodge will direct funeral services for Mr. Lovell at the White and Day Mortuary in Redondo Beach at 2 p.m. today. Interment will follow at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

The 65-year-old man is survived by his wife, Mary Lovell of 1103 Madrid Ave., a son, Jack of Colorado, and a daughter, Mrs. John Ahake of Wichita, Kansas. Also surviving are four grandchildren.



JOHN L. LOVELL  
Funeral rites for John Lloyd Lovell will be conducted this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the White and Day Mortuary under the direction of the Redondo Beach Masonic Lodge. Mr. Lovell died Monday morning of a heart ailment.

## Two protests were lodged against the proposed .03c hike in city taxes when the first of two public hearings on the proposed city budget for 1952-53 was conducted Tuesday night by the City Council.

Torrance Unified Taxpayers in a written protest pointed out that increased revenue from gas tax funds, license fees, the sales tax, and building permits, coupled with the gain in assessed valuation, should far offset the anticipated gain in city budget needs.

Not Justified  
Signed by A. D. Gianni, chairman of the budget study committee of the taxpayers organization, the communication stated that though population growth of the city must be reflected in increased municipal services, the tax hike is not justified in view of the revenue increases listed above.

The letter, signed also by Albert Isen, J. A. Beasley, and Frank S. Selover, local civic leaders and businessmen, was filed as a matter of record.

Second Protest  
O. Z. Draie, father of Councilman Nick Draie and prominent North Torrance resident, in an appearance before the Council during the budget hearing, stated that the many taxes now imposed upon the average citizen is rapidly becoming unbearable. The will to work, to produce, and to accumulate material good is being crushed under the burden of increasing taxes, he said.

"The changing of hundreds of acres of farm lands to residential, business, and industrial areas is bringing greater tax revenue to the city government than what the city expects to raise by increasing taxes. Newcomers should not be considered a burden, but rather an ease to the city of Torrance," he concluded.

## George Steele Named Union Leader Here

George Steele, former chairman of the grievance committee, was elected president of Local 1414, United Steel Workers of America, in balloting conducted recently by the labor organization. He succeeds Vic Teer.

Other top officers chosen were H. H. Cook, vice president; Steve Darcy, recording secretary; Roy Constance, financial secretary, and Michael O'Raidy, treasurer. The latter two were named for their third terms.

The new officers are to be inducted at a meeting of the local on July 10. Members of the local, employed at the U. S. Steel Corp. mill here, are on strike.

## Food Clerk Strike Not Felt Here

Local food stores are not affected by the current controversy between Local 77 Retail Clerks Union and Los Angeles area food markets.

Local 905 Retail Clerks Union covers all food clerks in this area, and is under contract until November 1, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council. Scores of food markets in the Los Angeles area were closed this week when the AFL Retail Clerks Union officials called thousands of clerks into a compulsory meeting on Tuesday with orders to return to the meeting on Wednesday morning of a heart ailment.